

collected in Western Australia and possibly by Dr. L. Preiss, who was actively collecting near Perth at that time (see *W.A. Nat.*, vol. 1, 1948, p. 147).

—L. GLAUERT, W.A. Museum, Perth.

Red-eared Firetail Finch in the Darling Range.—During a brief visit to the Byford section of the Darling Range on August 15, 1954, two Red-eared Firetails (*Zonaeginthus oculatus*) were observed in a *Hakea* thicket. The exact locality would be about 27 miles from Perth and approximately 2 miles from the Bunbury Highway. No nesting was evident.

—JULIAN R. FORD, Fremantle.

On September 4, 1955, we observed a Red-eared Firetail in dense shrubbery beside the north-central shore of Mundaring Reservoir.

—JOY RUSSELL (Ballidu) and ANNE LISLE (Mt. Pleasant).

Two Red-eared Firetails were seen in the Araluen valley on May 1, 1955.

The first was seen in a dead *Grevillea* about 18 inches above the ground. The red rump and black and white spotting underneath were seen, and on being flushed the red rump was again noted.

The other was seen in a live *Grevillea* thicket bordering the stream. A number of small birds were feeding nearby, and the Firetail was on the outskirts of the group. A good view was obtained, and the black and white spotting underneath, and red patch near the eye were clearly seen.

Records of this bird in the Darling Range in the past few years include Jarrahdale (D. L. Serventy, *W.A. Nat.*, vol 2, p. 165), Wongong Gorge (V. N. Serventy, *W.A. Nat.*, vol. 3, p. 118), and 53-mile peg, Albany Highway (K. G. Buller, *W.A. Nat.*, vol. 4, p. 91).

—ERIC LINDGREN, Nedlands.

The White Ibis at Bunbury.—On March 15, 1955, a visitor to Western Australia, Mr. N. Barrett, wrote to me reporting the presence of a White Ibis (*Threskiornis aethiopicus*) "feeding along the margin of one of the low sapphire covered islets near the mouth of Leschenault Estuary". The bird was present near the estuary for several days and then disappeared. Mr. Barrett was familiar with the species in the Eastern States, and had available for reference Serventy and Whittell's *Handbook of the Birds of Western Australia* and Cayley's *What Bird is That?* The White Ibis was first recorded in the South-west during the general irruption of northern birds in 1952 (*W.A. Naturalist*, vol. 3, 1953, p. 184).

—L. GLAUERT, W.A. Museum, Perth.

On June 30, 1954, I got a good view of a White Ibis on the edge of the river, quite close to the town, just across from the Yacht Club. It flew to a small pool in the mangroves in company with about 12 White-faced Herons. On going closer I could see quite clearly the black wing feathers and black sickle-shaped bill. An Egret was also there and repeatedly rushed at the Ibis.